

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 26, lines 28-36, of the specification as follows:

In one embodiment, a variant NsG33 at corresponding positions comprises the residues marked in FIG. 3a as fully conserved (*) (SEQ ID NO:60), more preferably a variant NsG33 also comprises at corresponding positions the residues marked in FIG. 3a as strongly conserved (: strongly conserved groups include: STA, NEQK, NHQK, NEDQ, QHRK, MILV, MILF, HY FYW), more preferably a variant NsG33 also comprises at corresponding positions the residues marked in FIG. 3a as less conserved (. less conserved groups include: CSA, ATV, SAG, STNK, STPA, SGND, SNDEQK, NDEQHK, NEQHK, NEQHRK, VLIM, HFY). In particular, it is contemplated that the conserved cysteines (FIG. 5) must be located at corresponding positions in a variant NsG33.

Please replace the originally filed Sequence Listing with the enclosed substitute Sequence Listing.

The substitute Sequence Listing now contains the following amendments:

SEQ ID NO: 60 is added.